Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1847.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 7th of September, A. D. 1847, R. A. M. 2377.

PRESENT:

M.E. GILBERT NURSE, . .	Gr. High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
E. JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Lecturer.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH, . .	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

St. Andrew's and St. Paul's R. A. Chapters, were represented by their respective officers.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Voted, That when this Grand Chapter shall be closed, this meeting shall stand adjourned to the second Tuesday

of October next, then to meet for the choice of officers, and for the transacting of any business that may legally come before the meeting.

Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, in behalf of the Committee appointed in March last, to procure certain new aprons, to replace such as were supposed to be lost; reported, that the missing aprons had been found and restored to the Grand Chapter. Report accepted.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held by adjournment at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 12th of October, A. D. 1847, R. A. M. 2377.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. RUEL BAKER . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. GILBERT NURSE, .	Grand King.
" AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" JOHN HEWS, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, .	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, .	Grand Lecturer.

Comp. JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL WALES, .	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT,	THOMAS TOLMAN,
EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	ENOCH HOBART.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the two last meetings read.

M.E. John R. Bradford, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, which they find correctly kept and properly vouched.

He had on hand at the settlement of accounts the last year a balance of		$149 00
And has since received from the various Chapters under the jurisdiction, and Diplomas, ...		189 50
		$338 50
He has paid for sundry expenses, . .	$67 04	
For alterations and repairs of the Hall, .	100 00	
Expense of delegate to General Grand Chapter,	100 00	—267 04
Leaving a balance now in his hands of . . .		$71 46

For all the above expenditures the necessary vouchers were exhibited.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
For the Committee of Finance.

Boston, October 12, 1847.

The M.E. Grand High Priest made a verbal report of the proceedings of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its late triennial meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in which he imparted much interesting information relative to Royal Arch Masonry in various parts of the United States.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Hammatt, it was *Voted*, That the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, be requested to consult M.E. Comp. Dean, late General Grand High Priest, of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and M.E. Robert P. Dunlap, General Grand High Priest elect, and tender to them the call of a special meeting of this Grand Chapter, for the installation of the latter, at such time as shall be convenient to the parties.

A competent number* of Royal Arch Masons, late members of Thomas Chapter, at Princeton, having petitioned this Grand Chapter, that the Charter of said Chapter may be restored to them, and the Chapter removed to Fitchburg, it was *Voted*, That M.E. Comps. E. A. Raymond, Keith, and Bradford, be appointed a Committee to consider and report on the expediency of granting the prayer of the petitioners.

The Committee having held a consultation in relation to the matter committed to them, subsequently reported, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. A debate arose on the acceptance of this report, when, on motion of M.E. Comp. Hammatt, it was so far amended, as that the Grand High Priest be authorized, on receiving the Charter of Thomas Chapter, to endorse the same to the petitioners, provided he has sufficient evidence, that the former records and regalia of the Chapter aforesaid, are in possession of the petitioners. The report was then accepted.

*John D. Pratt, Jacob W. Watson, Reuben Blood, Joel Pratt, John H. Wheeler, Stephen T. Farwell, Cyrus Winship, Moses Thomas, Nahum Rice.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be paid fifteen dollars for his services the past year.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to all delinquent Chapters under this jurisdiction, requesting them to forward their returns for the past year and pay up their dues.

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole. M.E. Comp. Thomas Tolman, was called to the chair, and Comps. Hammatt, Hobart, and Hews, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

The following named companions were then unanimously re-elected, viz:

M.E. Charles W. Moore, . . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Ruel Baker, ...	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. Gilbert Nurse, . . .	Grand King.
" Joel Talbot, ...	Grand Scribe.
" John Hews, ...	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were unanimously approved by the Grand Chapter.

All the officers above named, who were present, having assembled around the altar, renewed their vows of fidelity to the craft, and were invested with their respective jewels.

The following appointments were announced from the chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz:

Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. George M. Randall, }	
" Albert Case, }	Grand Chaplains.

Comp. WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Lecturers.
" ROBERT KEITH,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" GILBERT NURSE,	
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	
" JOHN HEWS,	Committee of Charity.
" PETER C. JONES,	
" JONATHAN EMERSON,	
" STEPHEN LOVELL,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

The lecture on the Mark degree and part of a lecture on the Royal Arch degree were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form, with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held in Boston, on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1847, when the following officers were unanimously re-elected, viz:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. RUEL BAKER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. GILBERT NURSE,	Grand King.
" JOEL TALBOT,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.

Copy of the record.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

List of Chapters under the jurisdiction.

ST. ANDREW'S,	Boston.
ST. PAUL'S,	Boston.
ADONIRAM,	New Bedford.
MORNING STAR,	Springfield.
MOUNT ZION,	Stoughton.
WORCESTER,	Worcester.
MOUNT HOREB,	Lowell.
SUTTON,	Sutton.

GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, 15th October, 1847.

To CHARLES GILMAN, Esq., *Gen'l Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

Dear Sir,—In conformity with the requirements of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, I herewith transmit you a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, elected on the 12th inst., together with list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully and fraternally your ob't servant,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

[CIRCULAR TO DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.]

At a meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, on the 12th of October, 1847, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to call upon all the delinquent Chapters under this jurisdiction, and request them to forward their returns for the past year, and pay their dues to this Grand Chapter.

In conformity with the above vote, you are requested to send

me the return of your Chapter for the past year, and the amount due from the same to the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully and fraternally yours.

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

BOSTON, 15th October, 1847.

Copies of the above were sent by mail, as follows:
To Daniel Balch, Esq., Lowell, of Mount Horeb Chapter.
Levi Rawson, Esq., Sutton, of Sutton Chapter.
Rev. Albert Case, Worcester, of Worcester Chapter.
Joel Talbot, Esq., Stoughton, of Mount Zion Chapter.
O. Dickinson, Esq., Springfield, of Morning Star Chapter.
Timo. Ingraham, Esq., New Bedford, of Adoniram Chapter.

[INFORMAL SPECIAL MEETING.]

A meeting of the officers and permanent members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 16th November, 1847.

M.E. Charles W. Moore, Grand High Priest, stated, that he had received information, that the M.E. and Hon. Robert P. Dunlap of Maine, would be in the city on the 30th inst., for the purpose of being installed as General Grand High Priest of the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to which office he had been elected in September last, and that this meeting had been called to make such arrangements as might be thought necessary and proper for the due observance of the ceremony.

Voted, That the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine, be notified that the ceremony of installation of the General Grand High Priest

elect, would be performed at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 30th November, 1847.

Voted, As the sense of this meeting, that all Royal Arch Masons, the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the three first officers of the several Lodges in Boston and vicinity, be invited to attend the installation aforesaid.

Voted, That no invited guest be presented with more than one ticket.

Voted, That the Committee, to be appointed hereafter, be authorized to present the ladies of invited guests, with tickets of admission, if they shall deem it expedient.

Voted, That the Grand High Priest be requested to appoint a Committee of five, to carry the foregoing votes into effect, and to make such other arrangements as they may deem necessary and proper.

The Grand High Priest then appointed the following Committee of Arrangements, in conformity with the last vote, viz:

Edward A. Raymond, Thomas Tolman, Enoch Hobart, Winslow Lewis, Jr., and Peter C. Jones.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Bos-

ton, on Tuesday evening, the 30th November, A. D. 1847, R. A. M. 2377.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. RUEL BAKER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. GILBERT NURSE,	Grand King.
" JOEL TALBOT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.

And several Permanent Members.

The Grand Chapter was convened at this time, pursuant to a vote passed on the 12th of October last, for the purpose of affording the Rev. and M.E. Paul Dean, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, the opportunity to install his successor into that office.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

M.E. Comps. Peabody, Tolman, and Atherton, were appointed a Committee to wait upon the officers of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and invite them to be present on this occasion. The Committee attended to the duty assigned them, and introduced the officers aforesaid, who were cordially welcomed to a seat in the Grand Chapter.

M.E. Freeman Bradford, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and M.E. J. Christie, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, were introduced to the chair, and exchanged congratulations with the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter repaired to the lower Hall, when M.E. Comps. Peabody, Gibbens, Atherton, Tolman, and

Keith, were appointed a Committee to wait upon the M.E. and Rev. Paul Dean, and introduce him to the Grand Chapter. The Committee performed the duty assigned them, and presented M.E. Comp. Dean to the Grand High Priest, by whom he was cordially received, and feelingly and appropriately addressed.

At the request of M.E. Comp. Moore, M.E. Comp. Dean then took the chair of this Grand Chapter, for the purpose of performing the duties devolving upon him on this occasion, and expressed his thanks for the opportunity afforded him of installing his successor within the body of this Grand Chapter.

A Committee was then appointed, consisting of M.E. Comps. Raymond of Massachusetts, Bradford of Maine, and Ellis of Connecticut, to wait upon the M.E. and Hon. Robert P. Dunlap of Maine, General Grand High Priest elect, and introduce him for installation. The Committee attended to this duty and introduced M.E. Comp. Dunlap, accordingly.

Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, when M.E. Comp. Dean proceeded to install the M.E. Robert P. Dunlap as General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, in a solemn and impressive manner, he introduced him to the chair and declared him duly installed into his exalted station, and reminded him of the high and responsible duties devolving upon him as the head of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States.

M.E. Comp. Dunlap expressed his grateful acknowledgements to M.E. Comp. Dean and to the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, for the high honor conferred upon him, and declared his cordial devotion and attachment to the principles of Freemasonry, believing this

to be an institution, calculated to increase the virtues and add to the happiness of mankind, and tendered his personal and fraternal regards to the officers and companions present.

The services were solemn and impressive throughout, accompanied with music, suited to the occasion.

Prayers were again offered by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the companions repaired to the upper Hall, when the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

BENJ. HUNTOON,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

Copy of the minutes.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 7th December, A. D. 1847, R. A. M. 2377.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. RUEL BAKER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOEL TALBOT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. J. B. HAMMATT,	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Lecturer.

Permanent Member.—THOMAS TOLMAN.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Horeb, Mount Zion, and Sutton.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock. The records of the two last meetings were read.

A communication was received from Comp. Caleb Butler of Groton, requesting permission to pay the balance due on his note, the property of this Grand Chapter, to the widow Phebe Brazer, in charity, in such sums and at such times as may suit his convenience.

Voted, That the request of Comp. Butler be granted, and when the note aforesaid shall be so paid, the same to be given up to Comp. Butler.

The M.E. Grand High Priest stated that in accordance with a vote passed at the meeting of this Grand Chapter in October last, he had authorized the members of Thomas Chapter to reorganize that Chapter, and hold their meetings at Fitchburg hereafter.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Quarterly Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 7th of March, A. D. 1848, R. A. M. 2378.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
E. GILBERT NURSE,	Grand King.
M.E. EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
E. JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" NAHUM BALL,	Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, Comp. PETER C. JONES, " JONATHAN EMERSON,	Committee on Charity.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Committee of Finance.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

DAN'L L. GIBBENS, THOMAS TOLMAN,
JOHN B. HAMMATT, ENOCH HOBART,
JOHN J. LORING.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Boston; Mount Zion, Stoughton; Mount Horeb, Lowell; and Thomas, Fitchburg.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at seven o'clock, and the record of the last meeting read.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in a solemn and impressive manner, announced the decease of M.E. Ruel Baker, Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, whereupon it was *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to report suitable resolutions in relation to that afflictive event.

The chair then appointed the following named M.E. companions as such Committee, viz: Benj. Huntoon, E. A. Raymond, D. L. Gibbens, T. Tolman, and J. J. Loring.

This Committee subsequently reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted, and are as follows, viz:

Whereas, By an inscrutable dispensation of Divine Providence, our worthy and M.E. Comp. Ruel Baker, second officer of this Grand Chapter, has been suddenly taken from us in the midst of his usefulness; therefore,

Resolved, That this afflictive event, has filled us with emotions of the deepest grief and sorrow. This Grand Chapter deplores the loss of one who ever discharged his official duties with singular fidelity and impartiality; of one whose attachment to Freemasonry, "through good report and evil report," was unwavering, ardent, open and manly.

Resolved, That we fondly cherish the recollection of the integrity, candor, kindness, amiable manners and deportment, for which our departed brother was distinguished, and will endeavor to emulate the many virtues and excellencies, by which his character as a citizen and a mason was so highly distinguished and adorned.

Resolved, That the banners and jewels of this Grand Chapter be put in mourning, in testimony of our regret at the death of our departed companion.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and family of the deceased in their afflictive bereavement, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish them with a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

M.E. Comps. Hammatt, Lovell, Loring, E. A. Raymond, and Gibbens, were appointed a Committee to consider and report on certain ceremonies relative to the Royal Arch degree, it being desirable that a uniformity of work should be adopted and practiced by the Chapters under this jurisdiction. This Committee having considered the subject referred to them, made a verbal report relative thereto, which was unanimously accepted.

The following petition was presented and read, viz:

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, King, and Scribe, and E. Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

The petition of the undersigned, chiefly members of the Northampton R. A. Chapter:—

Having long, on account of the excitement against Freemasonry, abstained from meeting, and in consequence have forfeited their Charter, and have not made their returns, though not with intention to violate the laws of the Grand Chapter, they therefore ask your honorable body to renew their Charter, for the purpose of conferring the degrees, and also to remit their dues.

And in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed, G. D. Peck, Charles Baker, S. Graham, Wm. W. Partridge, Michael Williams, S. W. Lee, J. P. Strong, Geo. Shepard, Edwin Holdridge, Wm. Parsons, W. M. Weatherill, Ansel Wright, N. Felton.

Northampton, Feb. 16, 1848.

Voted, That the foregoing petition be referred to M.E. Comps. Bradford, Huntoon, and Pratt.

Comp. Bradford, in behalf of the Committee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

"The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Northampton Chapter, having attended to the duty assigned them, would beg leave to report: That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, when they shall have complied with the provisions of the 13th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, to the satisfaction of the M.E. Grand High Priest..

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
BENJAMIN HUNTOON,
JOHN D. PRATT,
Committee."

Boston, March 7th, 1848.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in due form, with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following endorsement has been made on the Charter of "Northampton Chapter," viz:

At a Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held in Boston, on the 7th of March, A. D. 1848, the within Charter was restored to the following petitioners, viz: G. D. Peck, Charles Baker, S. Graham, Wm. W. Partridge, Michael Williams, S. W. Lee, J. P. Strong, Geo. Shepard, Edwin Holdridge, Wm. Parsons, W. M. Weatherill, Ansel Wright, and Nathan Felton. And they are authorized to reorganize "Northampton Chapter," and resume their Masonic labors.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 13th of June, A. D. 1848, R. A. M. 2378.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE, . Grand High Priest.
M.E. E. A. RAYMOND, . . Grand King, *pro tem.*

M.E. Joel Talbot, . .	. Grand Scribe.
" John Hews, . .	. Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	. Grand Secretary.
Rev. Geo. M. Randall, .	. Grand Chaplain.
Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, .	. Grand Marshal.
" Stephen Lovell,	. Committee of Charity.
" Peter C. Jones,	
" Jona. Emerson,	

Permanent Member.—Rev. Benjamin Huntoon.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Boston; Mount Horeb, Lowell; Mount Zion, Stoughton; and Thomas, Fitchburg.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The invitation of Star in the East Lodge of New Bedford, to attend the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, on the 24th inst., was read and accepted, and Comps. Hugh H. Tuttle, and Peter C. Jones, were appointed a Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the officers and members of this Grand Chapter on that occasion.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.